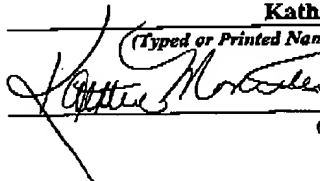

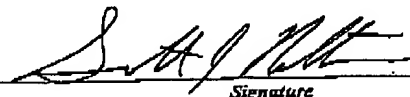


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Sir:

Applicants received a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated October 4, 2005. The claim listing filed by Applicants on July 26, 2005 was considered to be non-compliant due to a non-complete claim listing.

Attached hereto is a replacement claim listing, which should be substituted for the listing provided on July 26, 2005.

If there are any additional fees related to this Amendment, such fees should be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-1666.

Respectfully submitted,

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